

REMARKSInterview Summary Record

Counsel thanks Examiner Falcon for the courtesy extended during the telephone conversation on August 28, 2006. Agreement was reached that claims 17 and 21 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Independent Claim 17

Claim 17 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of base claim 7. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 17 is in condition for allowance.

Dependent Claims 16, 18, and 19

Claims 16, 18, and 19 depend from claim 17 and are similarly patentable. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 21

Claim 21 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of base claim 20. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 21 is in condition for allowance.

Dependent Claims 22-24

Claims 22-24 depend from claim 21 and are similarly patentable. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 25

For at least the same reasons discussed above with regards to claims 17 and 21, it is respectfully submitted that claim 25 is in condition for allowance.

Dependent Claim 26

Claim 26 depends from claim 25 and is similarly patentable. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 26 is in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 27

For at least the same reasons discussed above with regards to claim 17 and 21, it is respectfully submitted that claim 27 is in condition for allowance.

Dependent Claims 28-31

Claims 28-31 depend from claim 27 and are similarly patentable. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 32

For at least the same reasons discussed above with regards to claim 17 and 21, it is respectfully submitted that claim 32 is in condition for allowance.

Dependent Claims 33-35

Claims 33-35 depend from claim 32 and are similarly patentable. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above claim amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice of allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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